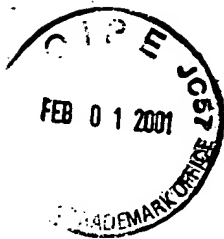


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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2000, Applicants respectfully responds by filing this reply within two months of the mailing of the Office Action and presents the following response:

AMENDMENT

27. (Twice amended) A modular vault comprising:  
a [unitary] cast housing body;

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